

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2006. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2006, applicant may wish to consider filing a "continued prosecution application" (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PCT Rule 29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIA. See Changes in Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14263 (Mar. 26, 2006), 1253 Off. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2006), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(any numbered amendment(s) referred to above will be struck).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed _____.
 - iii. Other _____.
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s) Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(e) for a period of _____ months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. For under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(f) required)
- b. Other _____.

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), estimated to be \$ 790.00
 - ii. Extension of time fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17, estimated to be \$ 450 for a 2 month extension, the request for which is being made herewith
 - iii. Other _____.
- b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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